

Claim Amendments:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An electronic device comprising:
a touch responsive display; and
a graphical user interface (GUI) engine operable to initiate presentation of a GUI on the display, the GUI comprising a first portion presenting a menu-based interface and a second portion having an area for receiving a prescription input comprising a handwritten character.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI further comprises a virtual keyboard interface.
3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI further comprises a ~~“hot list”~~ hot list of medications.
4. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI further comprises an alphabetical listing of medications.
5. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI further comprises a listing based on a patient condition.
6. (Original) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI further comprises a sublisting based on drug category.
7. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a writing implement.
8. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a control element configured to implement a tapered prescription.

9. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the GUI is configured to provide a list of [[the]] at least two medications associated with a given prescription.

10. (Original) A prescription system comprising:

a processor;

a database accessible by the processor; and

a storage medium comprising:

instructions operable to direct the processor to access the database and to acquire a list of medications;

instructions operable to direct the processor to generate a menu based interface based on the list of medications for preparing a prescription; and

instructions operable to direct the processor to generate a handwriting recognition interface for preparing the prescription.

11. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, further comprising instructions to provide a virtual keyboard interface.

12. (Currently Amended) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein the menu based interface includes a “~~hot list~~” hot list of medications.

13. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein the menu based interface includes an alphabetical listing of medications.

14. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein the menu based interface includes a listing based on a patient condition.

15. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein the menu based interface includes a sublisting based on drug category.

16. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein at least one of the menu based interface and the handwriting recognition interface further comprises a control element configured to implement a tapered prescription.

17. (Original) The prescription system of claim 10, wherein the prescription includes at least two medications and wherein at least one of the menu based interface and the handwriting recognition interface is configured to provide a list of the at least two medications.

18. (Original) A method of preparing a prescription, the method comprising:
accessing a database to acquire a list of medications;
generating a menu based interface based on the list of medications for preparing a
prescription; and
generating a handwriting recognition interface for preparing the prescription.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising providing a virtual keyboard interface.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu based interface includes a "~~hot list~~" hot list of medications.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu based interface includes an alphabetical listing of medications.

22. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu based interface includes a listing based on a patient condition.

23. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu based interface includes a sublisting based on drug category.

24. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein at least one of the menu based interface and the handwriting recognition interface further comprises a control element configured to implement a tapered prescription.

25. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the prescription includes at least two medications and wherein at least one of the menu based interface and the handwriting recognition interface is configured to provide a list of the at least two medications.

26. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising accessing at least one user interface device and at least one output system via a network interface.

27. (New) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the first portion and the second portion are displayed simultaneously.

28. (New) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the area for receiving the prescription input is a text box for entering a parameter of a prescription selected from the group consisting of strength, quantity, frequency, and number of days.

29. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the menu based interface and the handwriting recognition interface are displayed simultaneously.

30. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the handwriting recognition interface for preparing the prescription includes a text box for entering a parameter of a prescription selected from the group consisting of strength, quantity, frequency, and number of days.

31. (New) A method of preparing a prescription, the method comprising:
accessing a database stored on a storage medium to acquire a list of medications;
generating a prescription entry interface, the prescription entry interface including a first portion to display a menu-based interface based at least in part on the list of medications, the prescription entry interface including a second portion to display a set of controls to receive prescription parameters associated with a prescription, the prescription parameters including at least one of strength, quantity, frequency, or number of days, the set of controls including a text box associated with at least one of the prescription parameters and to receive a handwritten character; and
providing the prescription entry interface for display on a touch-sensitive display, the first and second portions to be displayed simultaneously.

32. (New) The method of claim 31, wherein the prescription entry interface further comprises a control element to enter a tapered prescription.